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DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the percentage of the urban population who have been provided drinking water and sanitation facilities, separately, during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

Urban water supply and sanitation are State subjects. It is the responsibility of the State Government, therefore, to plan, implement, execute, operate and maintain the water supply and sanitation schemes and provide adequate funds for the purpose in their respective State Plans. Therefore, data in regard to percentage of population provided with drinking water and sanitation facilities during the last three years and the current year are not available in this Ministry.

However, on the basis of information furnished by different State Implementing Agencies, as on 31.3.2000, 89% of the urban population is reported to have access to the drinking water facilities and 63% of the urban population have access to sewerage and sanitation facilities. The figures of coverage of water supply indicate only accessibility, however, the coverage in some cases in terms of quality and quantity may not be as per the norms indicated in the Manual on Water Supply and Treatment published by this Ministry.